

What is claimed is:

1. A liner for a bed of a vehicle, which comprises a member having a substantially flat portion with ribs that

in a first part are arranged in an array extending along a front to rear axis, and

in a second part have at least one array extending obliquely to the array of the first part.

2. The liner of claim 1, wherein the array of ribs in the first part is in a central area, taken from one side of a liner bottom to an opposing second side of the liner bottom; and, as the second part, there are two arrays with the obliquely extending ribs, one on each side of the central area.

3. The liner of claim 2, wherein the two arrays of the second part form a mirror image of one another with respect to the array of the ribs in the first part in the central area.

4. The liner of claim 1, wherein the ribs are arrayed such that in cross section a bank of the ribs includes at least one outer rib member part that spans obliquely from a trough part of the liner into a crest member of a rib that it in part forms.

5. The liner of claim 4, wherein there are two such obliquely spanning rib member parts.

6. The liner of claim 5, wherein the two such obliquely spanning rib member parts are on opposing outsides of two separate ribs in the bank.

7. The liner of claim 6, wherein the two such obliquely

spanning rib member parts have at least one intervening rib between the opposing obliquely spanning ribs.

8. The liner of claim 2, wherein the ribs are arrayed such that in cross section a bank of the ribs includes at least one outer rib member part that spans obliquely from a trough part of the liner into a crest member of a rib that it in part forms.

9. The liner of claim 8, wherein there are two such obliquely spanning rib member parts.

10. The liner of claim 9, wherein the two such obliquely spanning rib member parts are on opposing outsides of two separate ribs in the bank.

11. The liner of claim 10, wherein the two such obliquely spanning rib member parts have at least one intervening rib between the opposing obliquely spanning ribs.

12. The liner of claim 3, wherein the ribs are arrayed such that in cross section a bank of the ribs includes at least one outer rib member part that spans obliquely from a trough part of the liner into a crest member of a rib that it in part forms.

13. The liner of claim 12, wherein there are two such obliquely spanning rib member parts.

14. The liner of claim 13, wherein the two such obliquely spanning rib member parts are on opposing outsides of two separate ribs in the bank.

15. The liner of claim 14, wherein the two such obliquely spanning rib member parts have at least one intervening rib

between the opposing obliquely spanning ribs.

16. The liner of claim 1, wherein intervening rib(s) does(do) have side support member parts connected substantially normal to a horizontally extending crest member of the rib(s).

17. A liner for a bed of a vehicle, which comprises a member having a substantially flat portion with ribs that are arrayed such that in cross section a bank of the ribs includes at least one outer rib member part that spans obliquely from a trough part of the liner into a crest member of a rib that it in part forms.

18. The liner of claim 17, wherein there are two such obliquely spanning rib member parts.

19. The liner of claim 18, wherein the two such obliquely spanning rib member parts are on opposing outsides of two separate ribs in the bank.

20. The liner of claim 19, wherein the two such obliquely spanning rib member parts have at least one intervening rib between the opposing obliquely spanning ribs.